

HOUSE BILL 2147

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 3, Part 49, relative to the Tennessee
Entertainment Jobs Act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-4901, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

This part shall be known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Entertainment Jobs Act" and is enacted for the purpose of providing incentive grants that encourage the production of films, movies, television pilots, or programs in this state.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-4902, is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

() "Economically distressed shoot" means production activities in which a production company has spent at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the project's filming days in an underutilized and economically distressed area in this state;

() "Tennessee music" means music, scoring, or music track recording by Tennessee musicians attributable to a state-certified production;

() "Tennessee story" means a project in which:

(A) Most of the project's storyline takes place in this state; or

(B) The project's subject matter has a strong connection to this state;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-4903(c)(2), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (c)(2)(A) and adding the following as subdivision (c)(2)(B):

(B) A production company receiving an incentive grant pursuant to this part may receive an additional grant equal to five percent (5%) of the incentive grant if the state-certified production includes an economically distressed shoot, a Tennessee story, or Tennessee music.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.